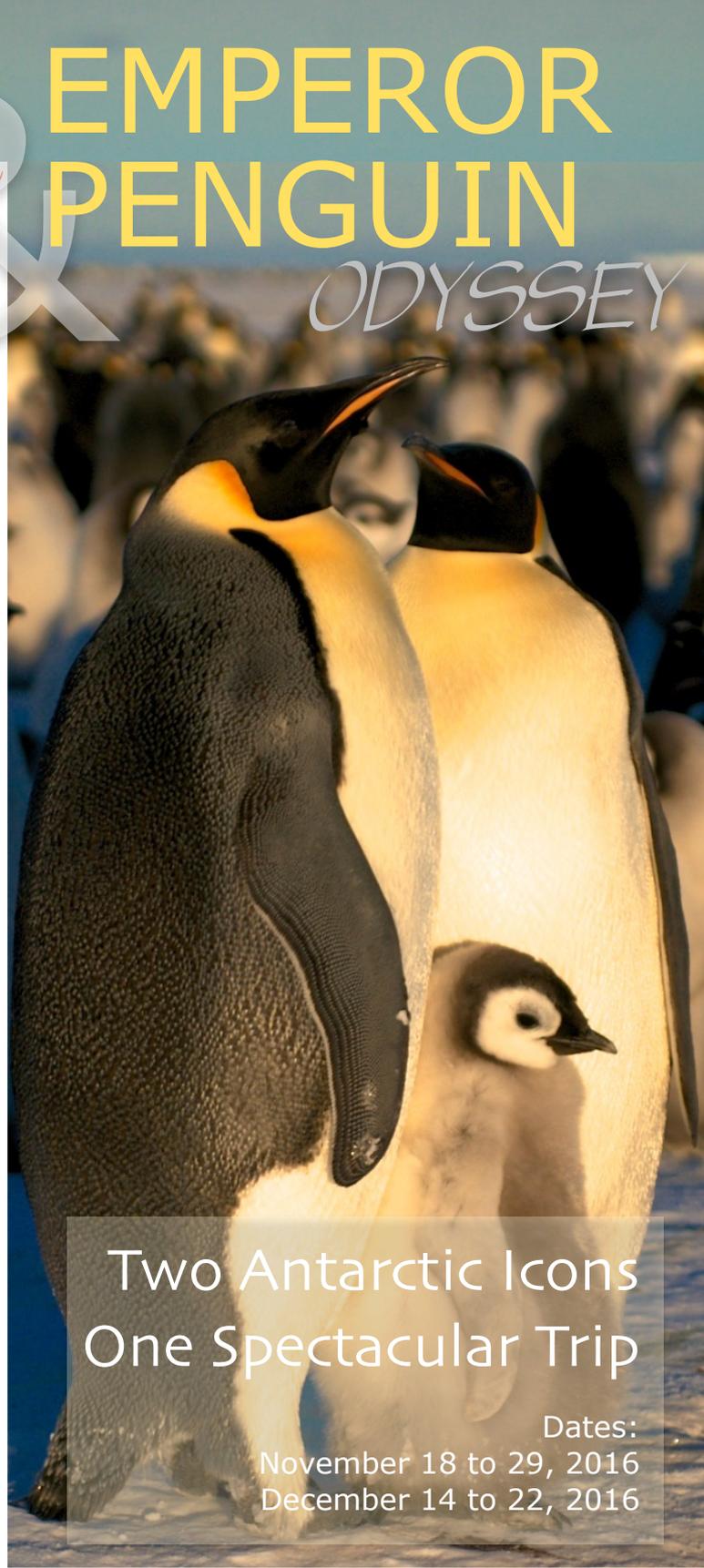


SOUTH POLE

EMPEROR PENGUIN

ODYSSEY



Two Antarctic Icons
One Spectacular Trip

Dates:
November 18 to 29, 2016
December 14 to 22, 2016

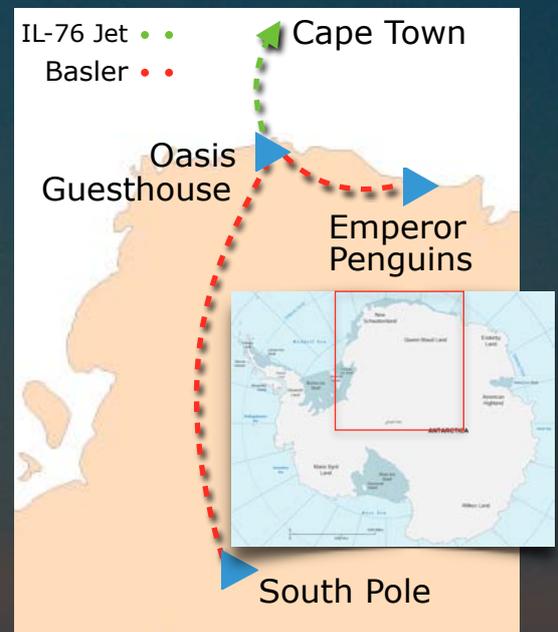


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EXPEDITIONS

Offering you unparalleled opportunities to take your polar ambitions to the ends of the earth

- South Pole ▶ 8 or 12-DAYS ON ICE
- Emperor Penguin ▶ STAY AT WHICHAWAY CAMP
- Odyssey ▶ PRICE: €64,000 ex-Cape Town

This 8-day trip combines the magnificent Emperor Penguins with a flight to the lowest point on Earth - the Geographic South Pole.



On the 5.5hrs flight from Cape Town International, you will pass into the Antarctic Circle and into 24hrs of continuous sunshine. The plane we will be using is an Ilyushin-76 intercontinental jet with a Chief Pilot who has landed at the ice runway in Antarctica over 100 times. As the plane taxis to a standstill, you will be able to count yourself as one of the few who have ever set foot on Antarctica. A short drive takes us to your accommodation at our luxury Whichaway Camp.

Whichaway Camp has an easy and friendly feel to it and is run along strict environmental guidelines. There are six state-of-the-art sleeping pods, designed for two people in each, which are heated and warm. They are quiet on windy days and at just over 6m (20ft) in diameter, they are also spacious, with a double bed (for couples), a writing desk, wash area and toilet. For guests travelling separately, the room can be partitioned. The rest of the camp comprises of a shower pod, kitchen pod and two custom-made tents. These are unique – fusing cutting edge material with an old-world feel and house the lounge and dining room. Here you can relax, enjoy the fantastic food from our award winning chef and take things easy.

Our philosophy is simple – do as much or as little as you like. It's your adventure. Each day, our field guides will suggest a number of excursions and activities for you to choose from. They can be easy and relaxing, or adrenalin charged... it's entirely up to you. We go on gentle treks to a series of ice tunnels or venture further towards the coast, to where giant ice waves rise up from the ground in surreal formations. From relaxed picnics, to visiting one of the local science bases – it's all about doing what you want to do. For those after more excitement, our expert guides will teach you the skills of a polar explorer. There is technical rock climbing, mighty abseils and even kite-skiing. Our guides can push you as far as you want

to go. Whether you are wanting to summit unclimbed peaks or you are there just to experience Antarctica's majestic scenery, our job is to ensure you are warm, safe and doing whatever it is you want to do.

If you have ever seen 'March of the Penguins' then you will have a clear appreciation of how spectacular the Emperors Penguins are. The colony at Atka Bay is no exception. Two hours flight via DC3 Basler from our main camp and you are at a site of over 6,000 penguins and their young chicks. Both are totally unafraid of humans and will come within a few meters of our group, immersing you in the noise, commotion and the sheer beauty of it all. This is one of the greatest and yet, least seen wildlife events on the planet. It does not disappoint.

Even now, reaching the lowest point on earth is a feat that very few people have achieved. During the seven-hour flight, we land on the polar plateau to refuel and you will have a chance to walk around this vast, foreboding wilderness getting a real taste for the immense scale of Antarctica. Back on board, we continue to the South Pole, landing at the Amundsen-Scott American science station. At the designated marker, you will be at the lowest point on earth. A place with no more East, South or West – only North and you will be able to walk around the world in just a few paces! We will be given a tour of the American science station, learning about their scientists' often ground-breaking research before going to their unique shop to buy souvenirs.

After 8 days of adventuring, relaxing, socialising and learning about the southern continent we bring you to the airbase for your flight back to Cape Town.

This is truly an adventure of a lifetime.

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DAY	ACTIVITY	DAY	ACTIVITY
In Cape Town you will have a safety briefing and we will check all of your clothing and equipment.			
1	Evening flight from Cape Town to ALCI Airbase in Antarctica. On board you will be served food and drinks and enjoy sub-titled documentary films on the big screen.	5	Early morning Basler flight to the camp at 83 degrees south where the plane refuels. Continue to the South Pole where you will have a guided tours Return to camp and stay the night.
2	Arrive Antarctica. Settle in to Whichaway Camp and have a restful morning. Afternoon walk around Schirmacher Oasis and adventure activities. It's up to you to do as much or as little as you want.	6	Return flight to airbase and transfer to Whichaway Camp. Rest before a big celebratory 3-course dinner.
3	Two hour flight over spectacular mountains to Atka Bay Emperor penguin colony. Spend up to 4 hours at this magical place before flying back to the airbase and return to camp	7	Restful morning followed by a host of optional afternoon activities including abseiling, trekking, kite-skiing etc.
4	Walk down to the Blue Ice Tunnel and trek with crampons over the ice waves on the Lazarov Ice Shelf. Visit the <i>Novolazarevskaya</i> station followed by a Russian sauna.	8	Flight back to Cape Town where you will be greeted by the heat and noise of South Africa and a chance reminisce about your Antarctic adventure.

Antarctic weather can be unpredictable and delays in polar flights can occur. You are advised to book flexible tickets.

THINGS TO KNOW

- ▶ Cost: €64,000 per person ex-Cape Town, South Africa
- ▶ Dates: On ice November 18 to 29 or December 14 to 22, 2016
- ▶ Temperature Range: 0C to -35C
- ▶ Challenge Rating: 1 . 2 . 3 . 4 . 5 . 6
- ▶ Group Size: Maximum 11



Your dedication to doing things right is outstanding

INCLUDED IN THE COST

- ▶ All airport transfers in Cape Town
- ▶ Safety briefing
- ▶ Use of polar clothing
- ▶ All flights associated with the program, including 30kg luggage
- ▶ Food, drinks (including alcohol) accommodation while in Antarctica
- ▶ Guiding services